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TOMOO IIZUMI ET AL. )  
Application No.: 09/471,192 )  
Filed: December 23, 1999 )  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, )  
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, )  
AND STORAGE MEDIUM )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to continued examination, please further amend the above-referenced application as follows. The claims changes are reflected in the listing beginning at page 2. The Remarks begin at page 8.

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